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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of listed documents (3) and (4) are also enclosed. Copies of listed documents (1) and (2) are not enclosed pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,786,885
- (2) U.S. Publication No. 2003/0067620
- (3) JP 05-325537
- (4) JP 07-078043

English-language abstracts for cited Japanese documents (3) and (4) are enclosed. Also, document (1) is believed to be a U.S. counterpart patent for Japanese

document (4). The English-language abstracts and U.S. counterpart patent are believed to provide an explanation of relevance of Japanese documents (3) and (4) to the subject application.

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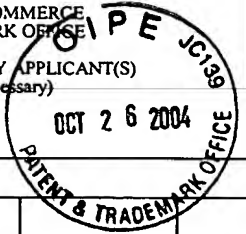
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